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1. WE APPRECIATE THE MISSION'S RESPONSE TO STATE 303856 AND WELCOME ITS THOUGHTS ON POSSIBLE WAYS TO IMPROVE OUR DIALOGUE WITH THE COMMUNITY, BOTH THE EC NINE AND THE COMMISSION, ON MULTILATERAL MATTERS. AS THE MISSION'S ANALYSIS POINTS OUT, THE GROWING EC PRACTICE OF SPEAKING WITH ONE VOICE IN INTERNATIONAL FORUMS REFLECTS THE INCREASING REGULARITY WITH WHICH THE EC NINE ARE TAKING COMMON POSITIONS ON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE TO THE US.

2. THIS DEVELOPMENT HAS ALREADY LED TO GREATER USE OF THE US-EC PRESIDENCY DIALOGUE FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE EC NINE ON UN-RELATED POLITICAL ISSUES. IN ADDITION TO CONTINUED USE OF THIS CHANNEL, WE AGREE THAT THE US SHOULD SEEK TO "REINFORCE" OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE NINE (PARA. 6, REF. B). WHILE THE TRADITIONAL MEETING OF EC NINE POLITICAL DIRECTORS IN NEW YORK PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF THE UNGA MIGHT BE AN OCCASION FOR A SESSION WITH US OFFICIALS, WE WILL WANT TO SEE HOW THE MARCH AND JULY EUROPEAN COUNCILS DEAL WITH TINDEMANS' PROPOSAL FOR HIGH-

LEVEL TALKS WITH THE US ON THE CONTENT OF AND PROCEDURES FOR US-EC COOPERATION.

3. WITH RESPECT TO EXPANDING OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE COMMISSION ON COOPERATION IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (PARA. 7, REF B), WE CONCUR THAT THIS IS IN ORDER AND WILL ATTEMPT TO GIVE THIS AREA, PARTICULARLY UN MATTERS, PROMINENT ATTENTION IN THE SPRING ROUND OF THE US-EC SEMI-ANNUAL CONSULTATIONS. IF IT APPEARS APPROPRIATE, WE MIGHT ALSO WISH TO SEEK AN AD HOC MEETING WITH THE COMMISSION, OR PERHAPS JOINTLY WITH POLITICAL DIRECTORS, PRIOR TO THE UNGA.

4. AS INDICATED IN PARA 4 OF REFTEL C, EC-9 MET REGULARLY DURING 30TH UNGA TO ESTABLISH COORDINATED VOTING POSITIONS, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, ON ISSUES BEFORE THE ASSEMBLY. IN VIEW OF OUR DESIRE TO HAVE US COMMENTS AND THINKING FACTORED IN TO EC-9 DELIBERATIONS PRIOR TO THEIR REACHING AGREED POSITIONS, AND IN VIEW OF THE OFTEN FAST PACE OF DEVELOPMENTS ON UN ISSUES, WE WOULD

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APPRECIATE THE VIEWS OF THE MISSION AND USUN ON THE FEASIBILITY AND DESIRABILITY OF ESTABLISHING SOME DIRECT AND REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE EC-9 GROUP IN NEW YORK. KISSINGER

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